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1. The troop strength of the military forces in Shanghai is as follows:

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| a. Woosung garrison | 5,000 |
| b. Military police | 2,000 |
| c. Gendarmes | 2,000 |
| d. Youth corps | 15,000 |
| e. Police and special police | 10,000 |

The Woosung garrison and military police wear U.S. battle helmets, the gendarmes wear German-type battle helmets and the youth corps wear Japanese helmets.

2. All are loyal to the Nationalist Government, with the possible exception of the police and special police, whose loyalty and abilities are questioned.
3. CHIANG Ching-kuo, elder son of Generalissimo CHIANG Kai-shek, is organizing a new youth corps. Its size is unknown, although CHIANG has remarked that in his personal following he has 100,000 men partly trained but without arms.
4. In addition to the above troops, there are 30,000 troops at Soochow and approximately the same number at Wusih. These troops, quartered in the homes of the people of Soochow and Wusih, were driven from central and northern China by the Communists.

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